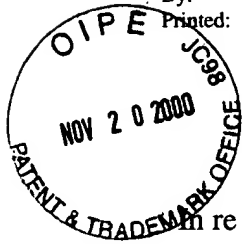


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 16, 2000, setting a three-month period for response, Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

On p. 13, line 29, replace "SEQ ID NO:2" with -- SEQ ID NO:3 --.

On p. 14, line 9, replace "NO:2 from" with -- NO:3 from --.

On p. 14, line 21, replace "SEQ ID NO:3" with -- SEQ ID NO:2 --.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 1 as indicated below. For the Examiner's convenience, the non-